

INFORMATION
OF
SPECIAL INTEREST
OR
IMPORTANCE
TO
MARINERS

NM 31/02

HYDROGRAM

**National Imagery and Mapping Agency
Bethesda, MD 20816-5003**

SPECIAL
ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW PRODUCTS
OR SERVICES

IMPORTANT
CHANGES

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NIMA TRANSITIONS TO DIGITAL NAUTICAL PUBLICATIONS

THE NATIONAL IMAGERY AND MAPPING AGENCY WILL SOON BEGIN THE CESSATION OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF HARDCOPY NAUTICAL PUBLICATIONS. BEGINNING IN OCTOBER 2002, NEW EDITIONS OF NIMA NAUTICAL PUBLICATIONS WILL BE PRODUCED IN DIGITAL FORMAT ONLY, AVAILABLE ON CD-ROM AND/OR ELECTRONIC ACCESS THROUGH THE WORLD WIDE WEB. CURRENT NAUTICAL PUBLICATION HARDCOPY EDITIONS WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL SUPERSEDED BY THEIR NEXT DIGITAL EDITION. SEE SECTION III.

NOAA CHART NEW EDITION DATING SCHEME

THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION HAS REVISED THE CHART NEW EDITION DATING SCHEME. SEE SECTION III.

NOAA PRINT-ON-DEMAND CHARTS

THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION ALONG WITH OCEANGRAFIX, LLC HAVE COMPLETED THE PILOT PROJECT FOR UP-TO-DATE POD NAUTICAL CHARTS. SEE SECTION III.